Recent Results from the HAWC Gamma Ray Observatory

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Multi-Messenger Astronomy





What Makes High Energy Gamma Rays

- Either hadronic or leptonic in origin
- Hadronic production comes from P-P collisions and then pion decay
- Leptonic production comes from inverse Compton Scattering
 - At energies above ~30 TeV the Compton drops (Klein-Nishina)
- So if spectra break they are likely leptonic if not they are more likely hadronic









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Inside the Milagro Detector





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HAWC Design builds on Milagro

Milagro "1st Generation" Water Cherenkov detector

- 2650m (8600') elevation near Los Alamos, NM
- Covered pond of 4000 m²
- Operated 2000-2008
- Crab at 5σ in 4-5 months

HAWC "2nd Generation" Water Cherenkov detector

- 4100m (13500') elevation near Puebla, Mexico
- 300 water tanks spread over 22,000 m²
- Operation 2015-19(25)
- Crab at $>5\sigma$ in a day



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Angle Reconstruction Uses Timing





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Angular Resolution





- Space-based detectors continuous full-sky coverage in GeV
- Ground-based detectors have TeV sensitivity
 - IACTs (pointed) excellent energy and angle resolution
 - HAWC has 24-hour >1/2 sky coverage



HAWC Differential Sensitivity





What can you do with a wide-field instrument?

- Gamma Ray Astrophysics
 - Galactic Gamma-Ray Sources Survey
 - Discovery of Pulsars, PWNs, Binaries especially extended sources
 - Study of high energy behavior source of galactic cosmic rays
 - Morphology of sources
 - Galactic Diffuse and Fermi Bubbles
 - Transients
 - Gamma Ray Bursts high energy behavior
 - AGN Continuous monitoring
 - IceCube, LIGO multimessenger observations

- Particle Physics
 - Dark Matter can look for places with no visible signal
 - Primordial Black Holes
 - Violations of Lorentz Invariance
 - Look for sources of positron excess
- Cosmic Ray Anisotropy



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HAWC Sky Map 911 Days of Data





HAWC 911-Day TeV Sky Survey



911 Days of Data






Crab Fit Result (Preliminary)

- Statistical errors using new energy variables are improved compared to published HAWC result^a.
- Systematics analysis in progress. Assuming 50% systematic from published HAWC Crab analysis, fits with new energy variables are compatible with H.E.S.S measurement.



^a https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.01778

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HAWC Energy

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- By measuring spectra out beyond 30 TeV we can look for hadronic accelerators
- HAWC has produced the first map showing sources above 50 TeV
- Once we measure the spectra we can determine their origin





AMS/PAMELA Electron/Positron Excess



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Pulsar Wind Nebulae - Geminga and PSR B0656+14

- Geminga is closest (250 psec) known middle aged (300ky) pulsar
- PSR B0656+14 (Mongogem) 300ps, 100ky
- Possible nearby cosmic ray acceleration site
 explanation for positron excess (Yuksel et al. 2009)
- Not seen by IACTs, extent larger than IACT FOV



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Geminga and PSR B0656+14 760 day data

- PSR B0656+14 similar age and distance as Geminga
- Gamma's above 20 TeV

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- These come from 100 TeV electrons
- This is much bigger than the x-ray PWN
- Fitting the radial distribution will allow us to measure the diffusion coefficient at high energies
- This can tell us if these are a source of local positrons seen by AMS and others



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Radial Distribution



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Unlikely Source of Positron Excess

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Another - Hiding in Plain Sight J0543+233





Another middle age PWN similar to Geminga and B0656+14 E' = 4.1×10^{34} erg s-1, d = 1.56 kpc, T = 253 kyr

Can test if all are Geminga-like

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Microquasar SS433



Possible an A-type supergiant and a very extended disk around a black hole. The jets from SS 433 precess with a period of 13 days.

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- SS433 x-ray binary with black hole
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- We used a diffusion model to fit the extended MGRO J1908+06. We have also tested the Gaussian model and the powerlaw model and their effects on the fitted lobes have been included in the systematics (< 20%).
- For the spectral model, simple power law was used.
- Modeling can indicate whether the gammas are likely of hadronic or leptonic origin and where the acceleration occurs
- (Paper in progress)



Transient Search - The Crab Nebula

- Crab flares, continue up to TeV?
- No activity in radio, IR, and X-rays.
- HAWC Pass 4 data from Nov 26 2014 to June 2016.
- •>105 σ in 315 transits.
- Lightcurve binned in sidereal day.
- Consistent with constant flux.







Transient Search - The Crab Nebula

On October 3rd, 2016, AGILE (GeV) reported enhanced emission from the Crab Nebula (ATEL #9586). The Fermi-LAT *GeV) confirmed the detection in ATEL #9588, with flux up to 1.8 times larger than typical.

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HAWC online monitoring shows the Crab to be fully consistent with its usual expectation over the same time period in the TeV. \sum_{23}^{23}







Transient Search - Mrk 421 / Mrk 501



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Transient Search - Mrk 501



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Mrk421 Starting 12-13-2017

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Mrk421 Starting Jan 2018



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Mrk421 Up to Today





Fermi Observation of GRB 090510









Fermi Observation of GRB 090510 with



- Assume spectrum extends to 125 GeV and attenuation with EBL model of Gilmore
- HAWC: 200 events from GRB 090510 if near zenith
 - ~few background events
- Major Improvements!
 - Low-threshold DAQ
 - 10-inch PMTs
- \rightarrow HAWC would observe 100s of events for spectrum to only 31 GeV





LIGO Events

- Responding to LIGO events
 - First event was below our horizon
- Before VIRGO weveloped algorithm to look in a region
 - Analysis searches for excess counts over the steady-state cosmic-ray background using 4 sliding time windows (0.1, 1, 10, and 100 seconds) shifted forward in time by 10% their width over the course of the entire day.



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The LIGO event of August 17, 2017

Merging Neutron Stars

MMA - LIGO-P1700294-v4







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HAWC: Dark Matter

- HAWC has sensitivity to indirect detection of TeV WIMPs in:
 - Satellite galaxies, the Galactic Center, and galaxy clusters
- Cosmological simulations predict more satellite galaxies than observed
 - Higher M/L galaxies have been found by Sloan Deep Survey
 - HAWC will observe all M/L galaxies in half the sky, even if L=0



Lots of Potential Targets

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Anisotropy

Fit dipole+quadrupole+octupole to map for 24-hr background estimation Subtracted fit relative intensity from 24-hr map

Regions A, B and C are the only statistically significant excesses (>5 σ post-trials)



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HAWC IceCube Joint Fit





Large-scale structures e.g. Fermi Bubbles

- Large scale, non-uniform structures extending above and below the Galactic center.
 - Edges line up with X-ray features.
 - Correlate with microwave excess (WMAP haze)
- Both hadronic and leptonic model fit Fermi LAT data. Leptonic model can explain both gamma ray and microwave excess.
- First limits in TeV, hard spectrum is highly unlikely.





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HAWC 90%CL upper limits




Improvements to HAWC

Using standard cuts on high energy events from the Crab, we observe an excess of 183.6 events with a background of 12.4. Using our improved algorithms we get an excess of 193.4 with a background of 4.6.







Outriggers



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HAWC with Outriggers



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Outrigger events Node A (not fully calibrated)





HAWC surveying the TeV sky with a wide-field of view Discovering new classes of sources Viewing the highest energy sky Playing an important role in Mult-messenger astrophysics Lots more to come!

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